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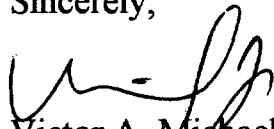
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Dear Ms. Salas,

Enclosed is an original and four copies of a Petition for Rule Making to amend the FM table of allotments for a new FM broadcast station for Kootenai, Idaho.

Sincerely,



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In the matter of:)
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Amendment of Section 73.202 (b))
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Table of Allotments)
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FM Broadcast Stations)
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(Kootenai, Idaho)

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PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

In this petition, Mountain West Broadcasting is hereby requesting to allot channel 294A (106.7 Mhz) to Kootenai, Idaho as its first local FM allotment.

INTRODUCTION

1. This statement is a petition for rule making to allot FM channel 294A (106.7 Mhz) to Kootenai, Idaho and add it to the Commission's FM table of allotments, 73.202. The following will show the need for an FM channel and the effects the allotment of Channel 294A to Kootenai will have.

DISCUSSION

2. Kootenai is located in Northwest Idaho. It is also located within Bonner County, a county of some 26,622 persons. Kootenai has a population of 327 persons in accordance with the U.S. 1990 census.

3. The allotment of channel 294A to Kootenai will provide the first local broadcast facility to the community and/or the surrounding area. The closest FM allotment to Kootenai is located at Sandpoint, Idaho. Sandpoint is located 7 kilometers from Kootenai.

It is obvious that from the above spacing that Kootenai is presently without local FM service.

4. Kootenai would greatly benefit from an FM allotment due to the fact there is no AM or FM broadcast facilities within 7 Kilometers of Kootenai. Because of this, it would have an outlet for local self expression. Health and safety for the community would be increased due to having a local communications outlet for warning the Kootenai area of emergency conditions caused by severe weather or other health hazards.

5. Channel 294A can be allotted to Kootenai and meet all rules and requirements of the Commission. The instant proposal will not cause a change in the channel number or a deletion of any channel now appearing in the Commission's table of allotments 73.202.

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Kootenai, Idaho	-----	294A

6. In accordance with 73.207 of the Commission's rules, "Minimum Distance Separations between Stations", all allotments on Channel 294A and the pertinent adjacent channels to 294A have been studied with the results listed in Figure 1 of this petition. The geographic coordinates used for the spacing

Study (N 48 - 15' - 18", W. 116 - 27' - 48") are that of a site located 7.3 kilometers southeast of the community of Kootenai. A site restriction of 7.3 kilometers southeast will be required to allot channel 294A to Kootenai. Many suitable transmitter sites are available to provide city grade coverage (3.16 mv/m or 70 dbu) to the entire community of Kootenai. These sites would also provide full minimum spacing requirements to other allotments.

CONCLUSION

7. It has been shown that Kootenai would benefit from the allotment of channel 294A. It has also been shown that channel 294A can be allotted to Kootenai and meet all rules regarding spacing from other stations. Considering these two facts, Mountain West Broadcasting hereby requests that the Federal Communications Commission institute a Rule Making proceeding to amend the Table of Allotments to include channel 294A for Kootenai Idaho , 73.202.

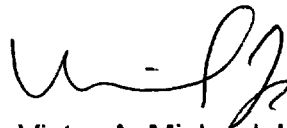
8. Should channel 294A be allotted to Kootenai, I certify that I will file an application for a Construction Permit to operate an FM station for Kootenai, Idaho.

CERTIFICATION

9. I certify that I have prepared or directly supervised the preparation of this entire Petition for Rule Making, and that the facts contained within are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, accurate and true.

Dated: March 22, 1999

Respectfully submitted,



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MAPFM search of channel 294A6 (106.7 MHz), at N. 48 15 18, W. 116 27 48.

Searching Channel 294A6 (106.7 MHz):

CALL	CITY	ST	CHN	CL	S	DIST	SEPN	BRNG	CLEARANCE
ALC	Opportunity	WA	241	C	U	89.2	28.0	211.3°	61.2
KNFR	Opportunity	WA	241	C	L	89.2	28.0	211.3°	61.2
ALC	Creston	BC	291	B		102.5	71.0	351.2°	31.5
ALC	Kalispell	MT	292	C	U	164.5	95.0	93.7°	69.5
KDBR	Kalispell	MT	292	C	L	157.6	95.0	79.6°	62.6
ALC	Dishman	WA	293	A	U	94.3	72.0	219.7°	22.3
KSPO	Dishman	WA	293	A	L	90.1	72.0	226.2°	18.1
ALC	Midway	BC	294	A		191.1	180.0	295.8°	11.1
ALC	Frenchtown	MT	294	C2	A	217.0	166.0	129.4°	51.0
ALC	Nelson	BC	295	B		149.3	149.0	336.2°	0.3
ALC	Lewiston	ID	295	C	U	204.3	165.0	192.3°	39.3
KMOK	Lewiston	ID	295	C	L	204.3	165.0	192.3°	39.3
K296BJ	Bonnars Ferry	ID	296	D	L	42.4	0.0	21.2°	42.4
ALC	Deer Park	WA	296	C3	U	61.0	42.0	258.2°	19.0
KAZZ	Deer Park	WA	296	C3	L	88.2	42.0	253.5°	46.2

FIGURE 1
CHANNEL SPACING STUDY
KOOTENAI, IDAHO
MOUNTAIN WEST BROADCASTING